

Request for City Council Committee Action

Date: August 12, 2003

To: Community Development Committee
Referral to: Ways & Means / Budget Committee

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Approved by: Robert D. Miller, Director _____

Subject: Hennepin County "Second 7.5%" NRP Funds for Longfellow

Summary of the Request: The Longfellow neighborhood wishes to use the remaining \$40,000 of the Hennepin County "Second 7.5%" NRP funds allocated to Longfellow to fund a community organizer from June 1, 2003 through May 31, 2004. The community organizer will work to build community capacity by conducting outreach and education programs and by organizing community members around issues that are pertinent to the neighborhoods, including but not limited to Light Rail Transit and related Station Area Planning and Development; Midtown Greenway Planning; 27th and Lake Street Development; Gang and Graffiti Awareness and Prevention; and the Longfellow Street Fest.

Recommendation:

- (1) Approve the use of \$40,000 of Hennepin County's "Second 7.5% NRP funds to support a community organizer for the Howe and Longfellow neighborhoods from June 1, 2003 to May 31, 2004;
- (2) Amend the 2003 Minneapolis Community Development Agency ("MCDA") Appropriation Resolution by increasing the NRP Program Fund CNR0 by \$40,000;
- (3) Authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements needed to implement this request;
- (4) Refer this report to the MCDA Board of Commissioners for authorization of the appropriate MCDA officers to enter into any contracts or agreements necessary to implement this request.

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The Honorable Lisa Goodman, Chair
Community Development Committee
Minneapolis City Council
315 City Hall
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415

The Honorable Barbara Johnson, Chair
Ways and Means Committee
Minneapolis City Council
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Re: Hennepin County "Second 7.5%" NRP funds for Longfellow

Dear Chairpersons Goodman and Johnson:

At its meeting on July 21, 2003 the Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board approved the use of up to \$40,000 of Hennepin County "Second 7.5%" NRP funds for the Longfellow neighborhood. The Hennepin County Board of Commissioners approved this request on June 24, 2003.

The Policy Board adopted the Longfellow Neighborhood Action Plan on January 22, 1996 and the City Council adopted it on February 23, 1996. The neighborhood now wishes to use \$40,000 to fund a community organizer for the Howe and Longfellow Neighborhoods for the period from June 1, 2003 to May 31, 2004. The community organizer will work to build community capacity by conducting outreach and education programs and by organizing community members around issues that are pertinent to the neighborhoods, including but not limited to Light Rail Transit and related Station Area Planning and Development; Midtown Greenway Planning; 27th and Lake Street Development; Gang and Graffiti Awareness and Prevention; and the Longfellow Street Fest.

On July 21, 2003 the Policy Board passed the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board hereby approves the use of up to \$40,000 of Hennepin County "Second 7.5%" NRP funds to fund a community organizer for the Howe and Longfellow neighborhoods from June 1, 2003 to May 31, 2004.

Pursuant to this resolution, I make the following recommendations for consideration by your committees:

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Sincerely,

Robert D. Miller
Director